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## NEWS



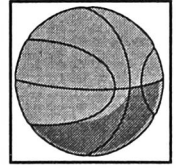
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# Spring enrollment up; total numbers drop

By BRIAN HORNER/ NEWS REPORTER

Spring enrollment has seen an increase in numbers thanks to combined recruiting effort from several departments on campus. Final enrollment numbers are in and the campuses in Weatherford and Sayre showed an increase from last spring's 4660 to this spring's 4801.

As in years before, enrollment has decreased from fall to spring due to factors such as December graduation. Fall enrollment for this year was 5127, up from 4945 in Fall 1997.

Bob Klaassen, Registrar for Weatherford's campus, attributed several factors to the increase in enrollment.

"I feel that our recruiting efforts, increased availability of General Education courses, a reduction of cancelled classes and longer periods of enrollment starting with finals the previous semester, have helped with increasing enrollment at Southwestern," Klaassen said.

"I think that a lot of students are not

aware that the enrollment office is open until 6:30 p.m. every Monday night year round. An effort is being made to let students know they have easier access for enrollment."

Todd Boyd, director of High School/ College Relations, is anticipating a continued increase in the number of students coming to Southwestern.

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When the weather is nice, it is easy to find people all over campus enjoying free time. During last week's brief nice weather, Audra Freebern, Karen Sweeney, Alyson McCarty and Thomas Mapel sit out on the Student Union deck and enjoy some good reading.

PHOTO BY PATRICIA COOK

# State bill could require credit card parental permission

By JENNIFER ROBINSON/ NEWS REPORTER

If you need a little quick cash to pay off that tuition or just a few dollars for a new wardrobe- and acquiring a credit card seems to be the only solution- you might want to be concerned about an upcoming Oklahoma senate bill.

In last week's Student Government Association meeting, State of Oklahoma Senate Bill no. 23 was

discussed in detail. In summary, the bill's purpose is to disallow persons under 21 to obtain credit cards without parental permission or the co-signature of a person 21 or over. This bill died a year ago, but is back before the State Senate.

SGA member David Scott, a vocal music education major, said that he "would not want to endorse this... 18 year olds who may not be able to get

credit are able to buy necessary books or pay tuition with that credit card."

Southwestern's SGA will discuss the bill and will then pass on their recommendation to endorse or not to endorse to the state student government association, who will in turn pass their recommendation on to the state senate.

Students are highly encouraged to

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# In my opinion

The first time I heard the term "daily disappointment," I chuckled and wondered how could a major newspaper get such a name? I mean, it's reporting news and other things a newspaper normally does. So what's the problem?

The Columbia Journalism Review rated the Daily Oklahoman as the nation's worst newspaper. After reading the article and being amazed at some of the blatant practices it mentioned, I began asking questions to students, faculty and people outside the campus. I came to the startling conclusion that people really don't care! The old "don't rock the boat" attitude seems to prevail everywhere. I say they are right, don't rock the boat, sink the darn thing!

Soon after, being intrigued by the numerous comments about the newspaper, I bought a subscription. The first thing I noticed about the paper was the front page was almost always covered with news from the associated press. This leads one to suspect Oklahoma doesn't have news occurring within its borders.

The news that's reported has a Republican slant to it that is very opinionated. This is fine for those that are Republican and agree with the publisher's views. However, Republicans are not the only inhabitants of the state.

There are Democrats and those that don't have a preference in the political arena. A major newspaper such as the Daily Oklahoman needs to report news to all the people of the state, not a select few. "We shall strive to be a people's paper in the best sense of the term," said Edward King Gaylord, founder of the paper. What happened to that promise?

No one is faulting the paper for its political choices, and its support of the Republican Party. We are simply asking that they keep their views in the proper place. Good journalists are trained to keep their opinions out of the news as much as possible. The Daily Oklahoman seems to have thrown this attitude out the window and could care less how the journalist world views its position.

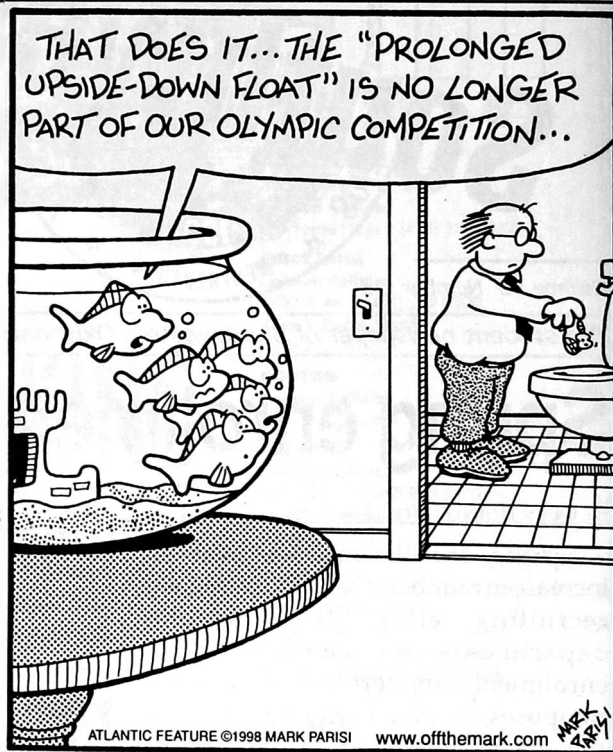
Being passive will not cause things to get better, only worse. I'm not advocating a change overnight; change at this point will be slow. But at least get ideas on the table about what direction to proceed. I know there are people out there with ideas who are willing to start the process for a better Oklahoma, at least news wise.

In many parts of Oklahoma, the Daily Oklahoman is the window to the world, yet it tries to keep us fearful and bigoted. You hear a lot about Oklahoma pride and spirit, but actually this state has a deep inferiority complex. What a shame that the tools for a great state are in place, yet remain unused because no one cares.

-Willie Combs-

by Mark Parisi

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The SOUTHWESTERN is the student newspaper of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. It is published every Wednesday during the fall and spring semesters, except during holidays and finals week. Students in the editing class serve as section editors. The editorial board meets every Thursday at noon in the journalism lab, Campbell 211.

The SOUTHWESTERN encourages comment from the student body, faculty, and administration in the form of letters to the editor. All letters must include a name for consideration; however, the name may be withheld upon request. Letters should be sent to The Southwestern, 100 Campus Drive, SWOSU, Weatherford, OK, 73096, 774-3065.

The opinions expressed within signed editorials are the opinions of the writers; the opinions expressed in unsigned, boxed editorials are the opinion of the staff. Neither is necessarily the opinion of the university administration, staff or faculty.



## Deeper Thoughts

by Amanda Madden

### *The movie that moved me*

The atmosphere created by the comedic mood of the motion picture *Patch Adams* left me filled with a warm knowing that oftentimes kindness and laughter shared can be like a touch from God to another human being.

The movie, a Universal Pictures film, is based on the true story of a nonconformist medical student named Patch Adams who risks his entire career in order to employ the theory that laughter is the best medicine. Along the way of his journey, Adams encounters countless hurdles of objection, criticism and loss; however, a compassionate spirit helps him to overcome the greatest griefs of life and to laugh in the face of ruin.

The movie is especially suited for a college audience. It offers insight into the purpose of higher education, making shocking contrasts between attending college for money and attending college with an aspiration to help others and make a difference in the world.

Because of its underlying serious mood, Patch Adams seems to have been a bit of a twist for director Tom Shadyac, whose first three films were strictly comedy (*Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*, *Liar Liar* and *The Nutty Professor*). However, this twist works well with the nature of the movie. So well, in fact, that the theme alone can be carried beyond the boundaries of relating to only the sick, and into the vast arena of relating to people in everyday life.

Surprisingly, compassion, care and kindness did go boldly beyond the set of the movie. Universal Studio's official *Patch Adams* website said that behind the scenes, leading actor Williams held true to the theme of the movie by spending much time off the set with terminally ill children stars of the film, from the *Make-A-Wish Foundation*. Crew members witnessed Williams' true compassion as children dangled from his arms and held fast to his side, off the set.

"The children had such joy in performing and being in the movie. Their parents said it really lifted their spirits, which is what Patch is all about. The clowning and connecting to music and art, and all these other things that aren't normally associated with medicine can have great healing effect," Williams said.

Many of the events in the story were inspired by real life experiences Adams had. One scene from the movie in which a man in a mental hospital, who is deathly afraid of monstrous (imaginary) squirrels, is actually helped to overcome his fear when Adams makes a game of defeating the invisible creatures.

In the squirrel scene and many other scenes supporting actors Monica Potter, Daniel London, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Bob Gunton and Peter Coyote definitely helped the film's believability; however, events move almost too quickly and idealistically in the beginning. This element at first makes the plot seem too easy to

believe; but what comes later adds shocking awareness of realism, which viewers will definitely take home with them.

In fact, upon leaving Oklahoma City's Tinseltown theater last week, I had a strong desire to become a better person in relation to others.

Likewise, upon viewing *Patch Adams*, a sense of conviction and even an obligation to fellow people may come home with you and hopefully stay with you for more than a few days.

## Bulldog Bucks



### Spring 99 Student Loans

All student loans have been disbursed; if you have not received yours contact Terri in the Student Financial Service Office.

### Tuition Waiver Deadlines

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Transfer students: June 15, 1999

### Outside Scholarship Information

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James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation: Seeking applicants with a commitment to a career in teaching American history, American governments, or social studies at the secondary level.

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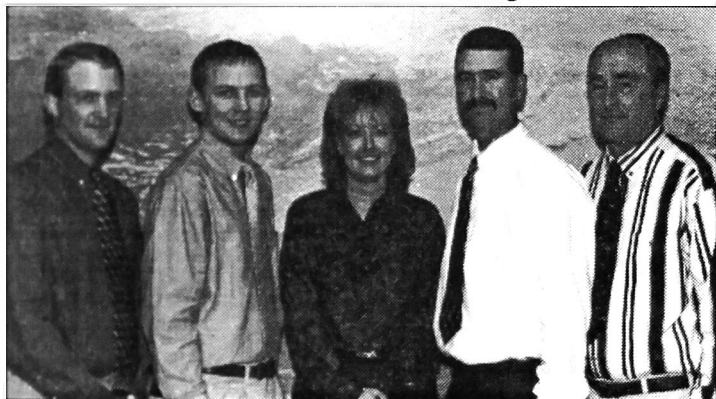
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## ■ CAMPUS CORNER



Southwestern's Sociology and Criminal Justice Student Association is being led during the 1998-1999 year by officers: Kellie Evans, Canute, vice president; Daniel Evans, Cordell, secretary/treasurer; and Karen King, Colony, president. Faculty sponsor is David Wright.



Southwestern's Technology Education Collegiate Association is being led during the 1998-1999 year by officers: David Hansen, president; Jason Adams, vice president; Kandy House, treasurer and reporter; Mitch Davis, sergeant of arms; and Stan Reid, secretary.



Officers for the Southwestern Student Oklahoma Education Association for the 1998-1999 school year are: Jenny Smith, Duncan; Jolynn Steele, Poteau; Veronica Maraz, Taloga; Missy Taylor, Seiling; Alicia Wells, Yukon; Kristen Kirkevold, Oklahoma City; and Marci Ferddersen, El Reno.

## Model UN prepares for trip

By ANDREW BARNETT/NEWS REPORTER

Students from 80 schools will gather in St. Louis to participate in the Midwest Model United Nations, Feb. 24-27. Southwestern will send 11 delegates to the event, which is ran exactly like the real UN in New York City.

Each school is assigned a country to represent. This year Southwestern is representing the country of Gabon.

Each school's representatives research the country they are assigned and try to put themselves in the same frame of mind as real people from that country. As the conference goes on, the delegates try to solve the problems through the eyes of their country.

Using diplomatic skills the delegates try to solve the world's problems. Just like the real UN, resolutions are passed, negotiations are held and problems are put to rest.

"The conference helped me realize how important diplomacy is in keeping world peace," said third-time delegate Tim Miller.

"These simulations have shown me the importance of compromising and making concessions," Miller said. "These are the same skills I use in my everyday life — debate and compromise."

Led by Woodward senior Jase Humphrey, Southwestern will take 11 delegates to the Midwest Model United Nations and will have two members on the staff overseeing the organization of the simulation. Southwestern's delegates come from a variety of majors, including political science, social work, management, English education, teacher education and communication arts.

In order to participate, students enrolled in an eight-week course designed to prepare for the conference through research and review of parliamentary procedure. The course is team-taught by Dr. Ed Rolison and Dr. Terence Garrett. Students receive two hours of credit and can repeat the course up to three times.

The same students that participate in this spring's simulation will organize Southwestern's seventh Model United Nations next fall.

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# Arby's to bring the beef to Weatherford

By KEISHA GRUBB/NEWS REPORTER

"Where's the Beef?"

Wendy's used this famous slogan in the 1980's, but soon Weatherford will be where the beef is.

The new Arby's will be located on Main Street across from Wal-Mart in the former building of "Brickhouse Barbecue." Arby's expects to employ 20 or more people.

Demolition was scheduled to begin this week.

The project will be finished during the last two weeks of April. Traffic on Main Street may be slowed during the work when workers remove a curb along the street.

Arby's is owned by the U.S. Beef Corporation of Oklahoma City. The construction will be handled by Flintco, Inc., of Tulsa.

"The U.S. Beef Corporation of Oklahoma City signed a contract with Flintco in order to help out with the construction projects," said Al Apitz, superintendent of Flintco.

The U. S. Beef Corporation's marketing department

searches for areas of growth potential in the states of Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The building will be manufactured in Tulsa by Advantage Builders and then shipped to Weatherford in flat bed trucks that are 8 feet wide and 18 feet tall.

John Vandeboogart, production manager of Flintco, said that the U. S. Beef Corporation typically finds strategic places to build Arby's restaurants. Particular areas include malls or near Wal-Marts or Sam's.

"The particular design that we are constructing is of higher quality than most. It's a step up from a typical fast food joint. Plus, landowners adjacent to Arby's will gain more business," he said.

## Dorm numbers drop

By FELICITA OLIVER/NEWS REPORTER

Residence hall numbers for the spring dropped off from fall numbers, but that does not surprise housing director Marvin Schoenecke.

Schoenecke said 788 students are living in residence halls this spring, compared with 922 in the fall.

Though it is normal to lose students from the fall semester to spring semester, Schoenecke is looking for ways to keep students in the residence halls throughout their college years.

The new housing director's biggest goal is to achieve at least 1,000 on-campus residents within the next two years.

Schoenecke said he welcomes ideas from students. His office is located on the second floor of the Stafford Building.

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## 'Enrollment' *from page one*

"Our efforts to reach high school students in the metro area and the outlining communities has helped bring more students to receive their higher education here."

With the help of the Alumni Association, 'Metro Night' has become a valuable tool in recruiting students from the Metro area. Over the five years it has existed, it has grown in popularity with city students.

"We have professors, administration personnell and financial aide staff go to Oklahoma City, and we invited area students to come out and eat pizza and drink, and learn about Southwestern and what we have to offer," Boyd said.

"With help from the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce in providing more scholarships for students who other wise would not receive any money for school has proved to be an invaluable assett in recruiting new students to Southwestern," Boyd said.

"A joint effort between the school, community and chamber has laid the groundwork for contiuiuing increases in enrollment for years to come, but we have to keep up the effort because it is little things that make a difference." Boyd said.

## 'Senate' *from page one*

express their opinions on this to SGA.

In other SGA news, chief of staff Adam Carr affirmed senate hours, which will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., both of which are trial times.

Eva Sims announced that the next blood drive will be Feb. 15 and 16.

SGA is also showing some school spirit when Sarah Seybold introduced a T-shirt idea. The shirts will be white with navy blue lettering. The front will be printed with "SWOSU Junior Varsity" and the back will say "Bulldog Bleacher Bums. We Ride the Pine!"

The next SGA meeting is tonight at 6 p.m. in the Stafford building.

## For Your Information

There is a Fall 1999 Student Teaching meeting Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. at Elementray Lab B1 in the Education building. Student teaching applications will be available at the meeting. All applications are due March 3.

There is an English club meeting on Thursday, Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. All interested in the club whose official name is Sigma Tau Delta is invited. The meeting is in Campbell 106.

The Graphic Design Student Association is currently taking orders for Bulldog T-shirts. The proceeds will help take the students to Dallas for a job fair. Colors available for T-shirts are white or gray. Prices are \$15 for M, L and XL. XXL are \$16.50 while XXXL are \$17.00. To place an order, go by Art room 204 Mondays through Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and someone will be there to take the order.

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## 29th annual *Jazz Festival coming up*

Southwestern's 29th annual jazz festival is set for Friday, Feb. 12.

Featured entertainment for this year's festival is the internationally-known Hal Galper Quintet.

Concerts are scheduled for 1 and 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Tickets are now available by calling the Southwestern Music office at 774-3708. General admission tickets for the 1 p.m. concert are \$6, while tickets for the 8 p.m. concert are \$10. Students tickets for either concert are \$3.

Featured entertainers in the Hal Galper Quintet are Hal Galper, piano; Steve Ellington, drums; Jeff Johnson, bass; Jerry Bergonzi, tenor saxophone; and Tim Hagans, trumpet.

## Take Notice

The Student Council for exceptional children will meet Monday, Feb. 8 at noon in Education 210. Lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited.

## Segress honored

*Southwestern professor named to  
Music Educators Hall of Fame*

Dr. Terry Segress, interim chairman of the Southwestern Music Department, was inducted into the Oklahoma Music Educators Association Hall of Fame during ceremonies Jan. 28 in Tulsa.

Segress, a native of El Reno, joined the Southwestern faculty in 1970. Just one year later, Segress started the university's annual jazz festival which continues today. The 29th annual event is set for Feb. 11-12.

Segress became director of the Southwestern band camp in 1987 and founded the Middle School band camp in 1988. He was appointed assistant to the chair of the music department in 1992 and was named interim chairman in 1998.

In 1996, Segress was inducted into the Oklahoma Bandmasters Hall of Fame, while in 1997, he was honored by Southwestern as recipient of the Bernhardt Award for Academic Excellence.

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# Students get naked on stage

*Bellows, once again, wows another mesmerized audience*

By WENDY LEE/ NEWS REPORTER

Well, they thought they were naked.

But it really was a fun filled evening of hilarious antics when Dr. Bellows visited the campus last Thursday night.

Dr. Bellows, a hypnotist with a Ph.D in psychology and 36 years of experience, is doing fine since recent heart surgery and was greeted with enthusiastic whoops, whistles and cheers.

Many from the audience were eager to be chosen as subjects. One audience member stood on his seat, waving both arms. "Over here!" he said.

Dr. Bellows placed the volunteers under hypnosis, his voice somewhat evangelical yet relaxing. Soon it would be near continuous laughter. From all but one student, that is, who apparently had gone under at the same time as the stage members, and was snoring peacefully in his seat as he had been given no directives.

On stage, students struggled, stuttering, to say their names. They smelled foul odors emanating from their neighbors and then from themselves. They listened in on private phone conversations between Monica and Hillary on their touch-tone shoes. Talk about mobile communications. The students also learned that a good pair of shoes can also make great binoculars.

They found themselves 6 years old again, watching Saturday morning cartoons. Of course, Mother came in, switched off the TVs and told them all to clean up their

## Multicultural plans continue

By MEGAN NELSON/ NEWS REPORTER

A new committee of students and faculty has been designed to heighten cultural awareness on campus.

Erica Hightower, Student Government Association president, decided to start the multicultural committee after a student was concerned about the campus not celebrating black history month in February.

With over 100 people from about 32 countries on campus, Hightower thought it would be a good idea to celebrate many cultures instead of just one.

The committee has planned a Multicultural Fair set for early March in the Student Union. Along with information about the cultures, there will be displays including flags and artwork. Following the fair, the committee has planned a banquet featuring native talents and a fashion show.

Everyone is invited to attend the Multicultural Committee meetings. For more information and meeting times, contact Erica Hightower at 774-0615 or 774-2414.

rooms. The result was sulking and one tantrum.

"Who can keep a secret?" said Dr. Bellows. All on stage raised their hands. Dr. Bellows turned their TVs back on, then Mother returned. One girl stood, pointed, and said "It was him! He did it!"

And who could forget the kilt-garbed Scotsmen with no underwear. The girls were scrambling to look up their kilts.

Note to the guys on campus: Start wearing kilts. It really is quite sexy.

Not even Billy Bangs, a freshman from Dallas, could forget that, and he was one of the kilt-wearers on stage!

What made these volunteers want to get on stage? Mikki Williams, a freshman music ed. major and "the hottest thing to hit this campus" according to post-hypnotic suggestion, said, "I've never done anything like this and I thought it would be fun."

She remembers nothing but said that she feels like she just slept for days.

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## Volunteers needed for speech tournament

By RENEE CARR/NEWS REPORTER

The Speech Department will host a high school speech tournament Friday and Saturday and needs volunteers to help.

The event will begin Friday at 2 p.m. and end Saturday at 7 p.m. The tournament will take place all over campus with the headquarters in Campbell 126.

High schools from all over Oklahoma in the A, 2A and 3A divisions will be involved.

A student may think, "What does this have to do with me, a college student at Southwestern?"

If speech sparks a student's interest then he or she has the opportunity to step in and help out with the tournament. Dr. Robin Jones will be taking volunteers to help judge students who are involved with the tournament.

"This will be a wonderful opportunity for our campus at Southwestern," Jones said.

Students can contact Dr. Jones in Campbell 126 or call her at 774-3080.

## Art exhibition opens

By CHARITY KOHOUT/NEWS REPORTER

The 1999 Spring Art Exhibitions began with "24 Works on Paper," which opened Monday.

The first exhibition includes prints and drawings by various professional artists in Oklahoma known as the Individual Artists of Oklahoma. These prints and drawings will be on display in the Main Gallery of the Art Building through Feb. 12. At least one of the works displayed is that of Southwestern art professor Norman Taber.

"The art department does these exhibitions to bring art to those who normally don't get to see a lot of artwork," said Dr. Andrew Marvick, Assistant professor, art.

There are two exhibits featuring Southwestern students' work scheduled for this spring.

Lorie Belindo, a senior art education major, will have about 50 works on display in the gallery beginning April 18 and running through April 30. Edgardo George, a graphic design major, will also be displaying some works, but no dates have been released yet.

The art department does these type of exhibitions every spring and encourages students, faculty and community members to come see the displays of art.



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# New careers fo

By CHERYL WAGNER/FEATURE EDITOR

Eligibility for training is available for some students who have just graduated from high school, citizens receiving social security and others forced to change their careers in mid stream.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services, known as Voc Rehab, is a federal program located throughout the United States that offer many people a chance at the career of their choice.

Julia Shepard, senior vocational rehabilitation counselor in Weatherford, works to provide service to clients in Beckham County. Many of those she helps attend Southwestern. Her case load is filled with a variety of different cases that range from the quick fix kind to the long term. Eligibility for her position required not only a master's degree, but at least two years of experience in vocational rehabilitation as well. One of her clients, whom we will call Janet Jones, has nothing but gratitude for the help she received from Shepard.

Jones, a divorced mother who was sent to prison, needed help to get a job that would pay enough to support her and her children when she was released. One of the first places she contacted was Vocational Rehab. Although funds were low and the process slow, they were able to help her. Voc Rehab sent Jones to a vo-tech school where she learned a new trade.

"It was great the way they helped me. My counselor Julia Shepard treated me really well, not as if I had a contagious disease because of my past," Jones said.

She went to work and everything looked good until she learned she had a crippling disease.

"I didn't think there was anything that could be done, but my counselor, Shepard, wouldn't give up. She made an appointment for me with a specialist," Jones said.

There wasn't an overnight cure for Jones. After several months she had major surgery. The job Jones had previously been trained for at the vo-tech school no longer looked like the right choice.

"When I talked with my counselor she told me to look for something else I wanted to do. I had gone to college, but never finished. We talked about my different options. When I decided to go back to school and get my bachelor's degree, she was able to obtain the help I needed," Jones said.

Jones will soon graduate with the degree of her choice. She is continually thankful to both the Voc Rehab program and the support she received from Shepard. The assistance that Voc Rehab has given will give Jones the chance to live a productive and successful life. Jones was given the chance based on a physical disability, but not all recipients for assistance from Voc Rehab have physical disabilities.

Chlee Rush, a freshman at Southwestern, is attending school because he was diagnosed as having had enough trauma in his life to justify his receiving assistance. Financial eligibility is the first criteria that an applicant must meet. After financial, vocational, medical and psychological evaluations are used to determine eligibility and review client's background, abilities, disability-related barriers to employment and rehabilitation needs.

"Vocational Rehabilitation pays for my books, tuition, fees and bought me new glasses. They allow me to keep my pell grant and any

During nice weather Chlee Rush is usually on the deck. Unfortunately, the rain has prevented many students from enjoying the outdoors.

PHOTOS BY CHERYL WAGNER



# new lifestyles

other grants to live on and help provide me transportation as long as I am a full time student," Rush said.

Rush heard about the program from a friend and decided to check it out. Without help from Voc Rehab Rush would never have gone to school.

"At one time I never saw the need for college. I couldn't see a direct result of going to school and spending four years of my life to get a piece of paper and not be guaranteed a job. I always said to myself I could save those four years and just work harder to get where I wanted," Rush said.

Now Rush can look at his life from a different angle. With help his situation and options in life have changed.

"I think I will probably make a career out of computers, but I am considering a double major at this time," Rush said.

Without the help from Voc Rehab Rush probably would not be able to attend school. There would not be enough money to live on and provide the schooling he now receives. Before Rush qualified for assistance he worked washing dishes at two different restaurants. He began when one restaurant opened up and got off when the other closed at night. It wasn't easy but he could survive. School offers him the opportunity to obtain a higher paying job that he would enjoy working at.

Rush's counselor is Carol Lackey who he says is supportive but not in the way. He feels that the program is fairly easy, he only needs to accomplish the goal, and that goal is to graduate and get a good paying job.

"Vocational Rehabilitation Services is one of those things that make me love society. I think it is a real booster knowing that there are other people that want me to succeed to the point where they will pay for my school," Rush said.

Authorizing payment for Voc Rehab clients is one of the jobs Nancy Thomason does. Thomason, another counselor, works from her office on campus in the basement of Neff Hall. Although she handles the paper work for all students on campus, she has a separate case load off campus as well.

Thomason finds that about 80 percent of her cases have a successful closer. She said that students receiving assistance need to inform their counselor so they will be aware that the services they provide are adequate to secure a position that paid above minimum wage and allows for a positive and productive life afterwards in the field they studied. If this is not true they need to know in order to make changes in the services they offer their clients.

One of the positive differences Thomason said she has



**Nancy Thomason, whose office is in the basement of Neff Hall, authorizes payments for tuition, books and other school related materials for 180 students attending under the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program.**

seen in the past year or so is the headway that Southwestern has made to provide the handicapped student's accessibility to all areas on the campus. She believes that much credit for this movement goes to Dean Darin Behara.

"There is still work to be done, but Southwestern has made progress in providing better service to the handicapped students," Thomason said.

The agency provides services that help people get jobs in careers of their choice. As a result thousands whose disabilities were barriers to employment become taxpayers each year.

The services are provided at no cost to the client. The only thing that they ask is that the client let their counselor know where they work, the salary and kind of work they are engaged in so that others may be helped by the same program. The case is closed.

# Entertainment

Instant sight is a mixed blessing for a New York man in the romantic drama, *At First Sight*.



at first sight

Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino star in the movie, which is now in theaters everywhere.

Kilmer plays Virgil, a blind massage therapist at a reserve outside of New York. Sorvino plays Amy, a successful architect who needs a vacation and escapes to this lovely little resort.

The two meet when Amy schedules a massage. She is inspired by Virgil from the beginning and even more so when she finds out he is blind. She admires his good humor and positive outlook on life.

Virgil admires Amy just as she admires him. He loves her skin, voice and the way she smells.

The two begin spending more and more time together until Jennifer, Virgil's sister, becomes jealous. Jennifer raised Virgil and took care of him since their mother died and their father ran out on them.

Virgil decides on a trip to New York with Amy. This is where the story takes a twist. Virgil undergoes a major surgery and gains his sight.

When the bandages come off there are many things Virgil's brain cannot comprehend and it frightens him. He sees Amy but no longer knows her. Virgil only knows things by touching and smelling, and for a time has to close his eyes to know what is in front of him.

Kilmer is great in the movie, especially the love scenes. The many inspirational moments that can be applied to everyday life are also enjoyable.

*At First Sight* is full of romance, drama and humor that will keep you entertained for the entire two-and-a-half hours.

-Amanda Razien

Whether you are a die-hard Dean Koontz fan or you have never read any of his work, "Fear Nothing" is one book you must read.

The story takes place in Moonlight Bay, California, a town with many strange residents, some more unusual than others. Christopher Snow is the main character in the story; he is also the most unique. He suffers from Xeroderma Pigmentosum, a rare genetic disorder which leaves him dangerously vulnerable to ultraviolet light. Because of this Chris can

venture out only at night, even than remaining wary of oncoming headlights and bright street lamps. Regardless of his condition, or perhaps because of it, Chris enjoys life. He lives each moment as though it might be his last, believing that life is too precious to waste. Although he is only twenty eight years old and said by his friends to resemble James Dean, Chris is an old man compared with the few others with XP.

At the beginning of the book Chris receives the telephone call he has been dreading. It is from the local hospital notifying him that his father is close to death from cancer. Although he makes it to his father's bedside in time to say goodbye, the events that follow leave his nocturnal world forever changed.

His chance discovery that his father's body has been switched with that of a murdered hitchhiker is only the beginning in a long night of disturbing discoveries. With the help of Orson, a Labrador mix who is far smarter than other dogs, Bobby Hallway, a millionaire beach bum surfer, and Sasha Goodall, a deejay for the local radio station and the love of Chris' life, he searches for the answers that will forever change his life.

He soon realizes that his mother, killed nearly four years before in a car crash, may be behind the strange occurrences in Moonlight Bay. Perhaps his most disturbing discovery though, is that everything leads to nearby Fort Wyvern, a supposedly abandoned army base.

Koontz once again proves himself as a master of suspense, making it difficult to put this book down. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment, however, is the depth of his characters. Even without his vivid descriptions and hair-raising situations, Koontz makes us want to learn more about the people involved. Expect to be scared though, you're still reading a Dean Koontz novel.

If you finish this book and still have more questions than answers, don't despair. There is a sequel called "Seize the Night."

Although it is available only in hardback for the next year, it is definitely worth the extra money.

-Ryan Barber

## This week's Video Releases

### *There's something about Mary*

Starring Cameron Diaz, Ben Stiller and Matt Dillon.

### *Mulan*

Starring Ming-Na Wen, Lea Salonga, Eddie Murphy, B.D. Wong, Donny Osmond and Harvey Fierstein.



## Busy spring in store for Atkins

George Atkins, chairman of the Southwestern computer science department, will be a busy man during the first half of 1999.

Atkins has had five scholarly papers accepted for presentation at conferences.

The first paper, "Killer Robots, Laws of Robotics, and Pernicious Humans," was delivered at the science Fiction and Fantasy Literature Conference held Jan. 15-18 at the University of California-Riverside. This paper, along with three of the other papers, related to Atkins' experiences in teaching a software design issues seminar with a professionalism and ethics focus.

The fifth paper describes faculty seminars for developing web pages for course enhancement.

Conferences that Atkins will be attending include: Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education International Conference, Feb. 28-March 4, San Antonio, Texas; South Central Conference for Computing in Small Colleges, April 16-17, Austin, Texas; and World Conference on Educational Media, Hypermedia and Telecommunications, June 19-24, Seattle, Washington.

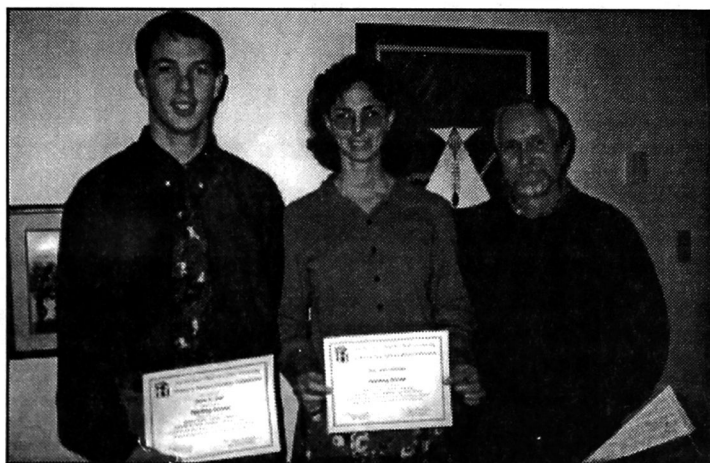


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Southwestern students Jason Geer of Grove and Julie Williams of Cordell have each been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the Oklahoma Teachers Education Collaborative in conjunction with the National Science Foundation. Pictured with the students is Dr. Richard Bryant, OTEC site director.

## Scholarships awarded to outstanding students

Two Southwestern students have each been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the Oklahoma Teacher Education Collaborative in conjunction with the National Science Foundation.

Jason Geer and Julie Williams have been awarded the scholarships for the current 1998-99 academic year.

Dr. Richard Bryant, assistant professor in the chemistry department and site director for OTEC, said criteria for the scholarships included being full-time students enrolled in a degree program leading toward certification in elementary education, secondary mathematics or science education. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.4 was required.

Southwestern is one of nine higher education institutions in Oklahoma participating in the program which is a five year effort to help Oklahoma recruit, train and retrain outstanding science and math teachers.

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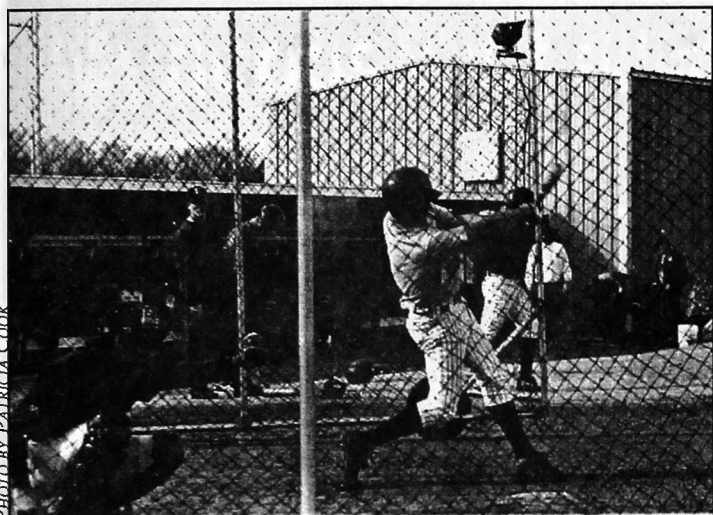
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Swinging for the ball is Bart Pascher, a sophomore from Weatherford. The baseball team started practicing Jan. 18 and will host an intrasquad scrimmage Feb. 20. After the scrimmage, there will be a cook out and fans will have an opportunity to meet this year's team with new coach Charles Teasley.

## Baseball in full swing

By PAUL SINGLETON/NEWS REPORTER

"Play Ball" is not a phrase one thinks of in the middle of winter. But Southwestern's baseball team is ready to play and has even had some intrasquad scrimmages.

Under the new direction of first year head coach Charles Teasley, the team plans on picking up where it left off last season, when they finished second in the conference tournament behind Southeastern.

Teasley will look for leadership from returning starters Isaac Williams, a senior outfielder from Edmond, and Bart Pascher, a sophomore outfielder-catcher from Weatherford. Teasley said those two and a great supporting cast creates hope for a finish at the top of the conference pile again this season.

Teasley did not travel far from his old job. He served as Weatherford High School baseball coach from 1984 to 1998. He took the Eagles to a state championship title last spring, his second at WHS and third overall. Teasley, who played on Southwestern's national tournament baseball team in 1971, replaced Larry Geurkink.

The Bulldogs kicked off their training on Jan. 18 in preparation of a grueling Lone Star Conference schedule.

This season the Bulldogs open with an intersquad scrimmage on Feb. 20 at 1 p.m. on Williams Field. The team will afterwards have a cook out, where players and coaches will meet and greet all their fans and friends.

The team starts the regular season schedule against Oklahoma Baptist on Feb. 23 in Shawnee at 1 p.m.

"There are alot of good battles going on for diffrent positions," Teasley said. "There are some good returning players in key positions who didn't get the shot last year to play that will get the chance this season."

He hopes that those guys will step and contribute to the success of the team.

The Bulldogs are picked to finish fifth in the conference by the preseason polls despite the second place finish last season. But as the season progresses the Bulldogs and Coach Teasley look to change the mind of some of those preseason voters.



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# Basketball team slides, still in hunt for playoffs

BY MINDI BOND/NEWS REPORTER

Despite two heartbreaking losses in the past week, the men's basketball team is confident about its playoff tournament chances.

"We will make it to the playoffs. We need to be way better than our record. We could have been even better if we would have started out the way we're ending up. But, the end is what counts," said guard Corey Johnson.

Against East Central Anthony Lumpkin poured in 39 points and tied for fourth for most points in a game scored by a Southwestern player.

The Bulldogs, though, suffered a 91-90 overtime loss at East Central Wednesday night, four days after coming up short in another overtime thriller 112-110 at home against Central Oklahoma.

With a record of 5-13, and a conference status of 3-4, the Bulldogs are working harder than ever to reach their goal of the Lone Star Championship Playoffs.

"We've played a lot more consistent this second semester. Our players have gotten use to each other and their level of competition," coach George Hauser said.

Yet, many of the team players agree that beyond a new division, it was a challenge to create unity in a team that was so new.

Only three of last year's players returned to play this season Joe Davis, Nathan Miller and Bobby Smith.

"I think we've got great potential," guard Joe Davis said. "As far as our team in conference, we're just underrated."

"Lately we've been doing better than last semester. I think it's because now we're taking things more seriously because of conference," center Alejandro Vargas said.

Rather than focusing only on making the playoffs, Hauser looks one game ahead.

"Playing with consistency and improving each game is our goal," he said.

Seven games remain in the season, six of which will be on the road. Yet, coaches and players are optimistic about their future and their chances for postseason play.

"If we continue to play solid defense, then we will definitely win some of the games. We've got a lot of talent, we just need to work together," Vargas said.

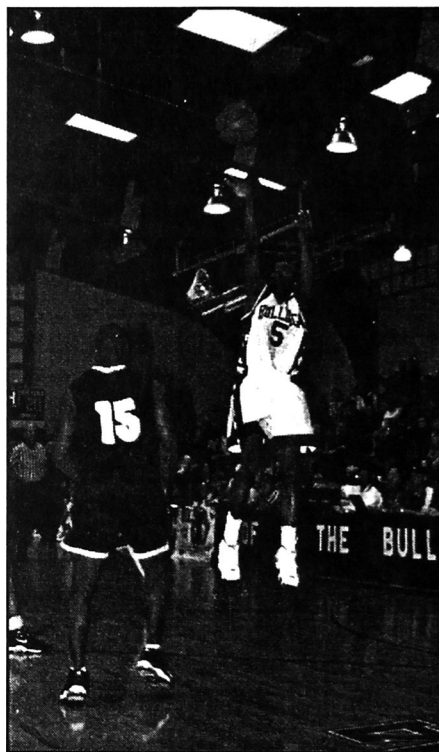
"The players have exerted great effort and some good things are up," Hauser said.

Saturday night, the men fell at Cameron 77-65. The loss pushes the Bulldogs to 3-5 in conference play and 5-14 overall eliminating them from a conference championship.

The team has two more out-of-town games before they will be back home. The men travel to Tahlequah tomorrow to play Northeastern at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, they look for revenge in Edmond as they play against UCO at 4 p.m.

The two remaining home games will be against East Central Feb. 11 and Southeastern Feb. 13.



Corey Johnson let's it fly from three-point-land. The junior guard from Compton, Calif., went 1-9 from behind the arch in the 67-66 loss to Harding, Ark., Jan. 16. The men lost to Cameron Sat. 77-65.


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# Lady hoopsters tied at the top in conference

By ALEJANDRO VARGAS/ NEWS REPORTER

As Southwestern's women's basketball team continue its season, coach John Loftin looks forward to the playoffs.

The Lady Bulldogs were off for five days after their 68-58 win over Central Oklahoma.

The team has improved its record to 12-6 and sit in a tie with East Central for first place in the Lone Star Conference North Division with a 5-2 record and a 12-6 record overall.

The goal of the Lady Bulldogs is to win the conference.

They hope for the conference title, but second place would assure them a home playoff game. If these events take place, the Lady Bulldogs would play Feb. 23 in the "Dawg Pound."

Loftin says one of the keys to reaching their goals is to continue to play solid defense. They also strive to be more consistent on offense. Loftin added that they need to stay healthy and rested. He said these factors will determine if the team has a chance for the conference title.

So far the Lady Bulldogs are led offensively by Kristi Dickerson who, until Saturday's game, averages 12.3 points per game and Cristie Sanchez. Sanchez contributes 11.8



**Candice Mitchell (32) draws a swarm of defenders in the lane in recent action. The women play at Northeastern tomorrow night at 6 p.m. in Tahlequah.** PHOTO BY STEVEN McLEMORE

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points a night. She averages 6.78 defensive rebounds a game that places her second in the conference in that category.

Southwestern's defense is ranked sixth in the conference in steals with 10 a game, ranked fourth in turnover margin (getting two more turnovers a game than they give) and ranked first as a defensive unit. Their hardnosed defense only allows 54.4 points a contest.

The remainder of the schedule is not in favor of the Lady Bulldogs. They still have to play all three top contenders.

The last push-over came to Rankin Williams Fieldhouse Thursday. The Lady Bulldogs steamrolled the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma 62-34.

Three Southwestern players had double-digit nights. Kristi Dickerson lead all scorers with 16 points, Jill Kliever scored 12 points and Candice Mitchell contributed 10 points.

Saturday night the Lady Bulldogs improved their record to 14-6 and 6-2 in conference after shelling Cameron in Lawton, 65-40.

Sanchez lead all scorers with 18 points. Kliever added 15 points as the only Southwestern players to see double digits.

Tomorrow, Southwestern travel to Tahlequah to play the basement team of the Lone Star Conference North Division.

Northeastern is 1-7 in conference play and have already tasted defeat by the hands of the Lady Bulldogs.

Southwestern plays Central Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. and then their schedule gets tough. They play both East Central and Southeastern in Weatherford. They lost to both of those teams in early January.

# *Intramurals offer variety of spring activities*

By BRITTNEY LITSCH/ NEWS REPORTER AND ZAC UNDERWOOD/ SPORTS EDITOR

Intramural five-on-five basketball games continue this week with games being played nightly. Men and women will be competing for a chance to become the next intramural champions. Winning teams receive free shirts.

In the men's division they will be competing as A, B and C teams. The women will be competing as A and B teams.

Nelson Perkins, Intramural Director, has taken several steps to improve intramurals this year.

"I want a person small in stature able to play against a person large in stature and feel safe in doing so," Perkins said.

One of the steps taken was the hiring of Jason Hughs, assistant intramural director. Hughs is a Southwestern graduate and is currently pursuing his master's degree in administration.

According to Hughs, everything is in order for a good spring.

"Intramurals have gone smooth so far this year," Hughs said. "We have tried very hard to keep things under control."

The first five-on-five season will end with a tournament before Spring Break.

Perkins is considering an interesting twist for the tournament. His idea is a multiple elimination, marathon

tournament. Teams will have to play until they drop.

The marathon tournament would start at midnight and continue through the morning, non stop, until one team in each division is left standing.

Deadlines for team entry was Friday, but Perkins says exceptions can be made.

After five-on-five basketball, there will be a six-foot-and-under season and tournament along with a new style of co-ed basketball.

Co-ed will now be played with three girls and two guys instead of previously played three guys and two girls. Also, a new rule forbidding men to enter the lane on a rebound will be in place for this semester.

Softball, soccer and flag football for men and women will add to the variety of activities intramurals will offer.

Soccer and flag football will be played on the practice soccer field. Depending on whether the light on the field are installed on time, the two sports will be played at night.

New sports may be added during the semester while others may be dropped. Everything depends on participation.

## Doyle gets position

Chris Doyle, of Lynchburg, Va., has been named sports information director.

Doyle will replace Brian Adler, who will still maintain duties at the university as public information director.

Doyle will start his new position on Feb. 15. He is currently assistant sports information director at Liberty University in Virginia. At Liberty, Doyle coordinated and assisted in sports information efforts for 16 NCAA Division I teams.

He edited publications for all Liberty athletic programs. Since 1992, Doyle directed the statistical operations of all the home events for the sports of football and men's and women's basketball. He also assisted in the supervision of a student assistant staff.

Doyle is a 1992 graduate of Liberty University where he earned a bachelor of science in sport administration degree with related studies in business and journalism. He grew up in the Oklahoma City area and is a 1987 graduate of Windsor Hills Baptist High School.

Doyle is an active member of the College Sports Information Directors of America, earning four "Citations for Excellence in Publications." He has been a working member at NCAA regional basketball and gymnastics events and also worked the 1994 NCAA Women's Final Four Basketball Tournament in Richmond, Va.

His office at Southwestern will be located in the Athletics Department Building.



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# Bull riders make big impression in Vegas

By MIKE MARTIN/ STAFF WRITER

Past and present Southwestern rodeo alumni showcased their talent at the 40th Anniversary of the National Finals Rodeo this past December in Las Vegas.

Five cowboys with ties to Southwestern each took their shot at a world championship title.

Defending Bareback Riding World Champion Eric Mouton was back in Vegas to defend his title. Little did he know that after ten rounds of tough competition that he would be relinquishing his title to a fellow Southwestern cowboy.

Mark Gomes, who was part of the 1992 Collegiate National Championship team, spurred his way to the top of the world and his first gold buckle.

Gomes won his first world title by placing in seven of the ten rounds, including winning both the fourth and seventh rounds. He would also set a new NFR record in the bareback riding event by earning \$88,602 dollars at the rodeo.

Current student Corey Navarre competed in the bull riding event. Navarre would learn first hand just how physical ten rounds of bull riding could be.

After being bruised and battered throughout the rodeo,

Navarre would suffer his worst injury yet, a broken jaw in the seventh round that would force him out of the next two rounds.

Like a true cowboy he would return in the tenth round to make one of the best rides of his life.

With a face shield to protect his jaw, Navarre slid down off of Andrew Rodeo Company's bull Zandy. As the chute opened up he would chase history by scoring a 93 point ride, just short of the finals record of 95.

That ride would win him the round and push him up in the overall world standings to ninth.

"After being beat up all week, and missing a couple rides by a few seconds, it felt great to get a good ride and come home with some money," Navarre said.

Jerome Schneeberger who competed last spring for Southwestern made his second trip to the finals. Schneeberger had a good showing at the finals placing in five of ten rounds, including splitting a three way tie for first in the third round with a time of 7.8.

Steer wrestler Lee Graves also represented Southwestern well at the NFR.

Graves finished second in the average, splitting the second round and placing second in the tenth round. He would finish third in the world standings.

In other rodeo action both Mouton and Schneeberger started off the 1999 rodeo season with a bang. Competing at one of the biggest winter rodeos of the season, Mouton won the bareback riding event and Schneeberger took home the calf roping title at the Denver rodeo two weeks ago.



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## Rodeo teams travel to Kansas State

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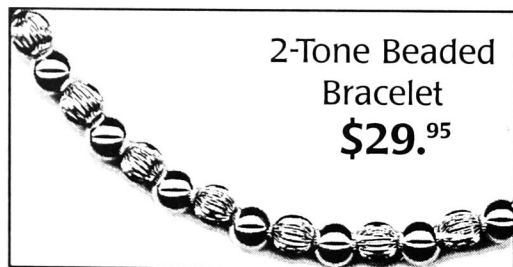


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